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SLAVE PEN ABOLISHED

NEGROES HELD IN BONDAGE FREED BY JUDGE BENET.

Prominent Planters Indicted—Anderson County Grand Jury Finds that Negroes Are Illegally Detained in Convict Stockade Camps, and that the System in Vogue Is Really Worse Than Slavery—No Federal Interference Necessary to Put an End to the Practice.

From the Daily Post.

Columbia S. C., March 7.—The grand jury of Anderson County to-day made its report to Judge W. C. Benet and declared that a practical enslavement of negroes has been conducted in that county. The presentment was prepared by a special committee, which visited the convict stockade camps in Anderson County and found confined therein negroes guiltless of any felony, but undergoing a term of servitude under voluntary contracts which they had signed in partial ignorance.

The charge of false imprisonment was made against J. S. Fowler, P. B. Allen, and W. Q. Hammond, three of the largest planters and most influential men in Anderson County. The grand jury declared that these men, who employ convicts from the State, were also keeping confined in their stockades negroes who, for some petty cause, had been sent there for breach of contract, although convicted before no officer of the law.

The presentment of the grand jury will put an end to this practice, and it is conducted in no other county in the State. It has been known in Anderson County for a long time that such a system was being carried on, and the people of that county are glad that it has been done away with. No prosecutions have yet been made, but the solictor, Mr. J. E. Boggs, will hand out indictments for the June term of court.

ONLY ILLEGAL CONTRACTS VOID.

The negroes in the county are under the impression that all labor contracts now in existence are practically nullified by the action of the court, and Judge Benet stated emphatically that all illegal contracts would be declared void, but there are just contracts which the court will enforce. Nevertheless there is a general state of demoralization just at the time when crops are being planted.

Judge Benet's charge to the grand jury after it had rendered its finding contained a severe denunciation of certain newspapers which had sent special correspondents to South Carolina and claimed to have made an exposure He stated that the people of Anderson County are responsible for uprooting this practice. He complimented the grand jury for not having read the newspapers while making its investigations.

He stated that there is no need of interference by Federal courts. "We are able to deal with the matter without outside help," he said. The testimony of negroes is valid evidence in the State courts. There is no politics, no party or race issue at stake. It is the righting of a grievous wrong, and the court protests against the idea of outside interference. The evil will be stamped out, for public sentiment at home is against it. He declared that the legislature has already taken steps to do so, and will abolish the system of hiring convicts to private parties, and there can then be no opportunity to confine freedmen."

SOME OF THE CRUELTIES PRACTICED.

Judge Benet declared that the presentment brought pitiful details. It told of illegal arrests and imprisonment, of cruel whipping, of prolonged imprisonment without even the farce of trial; of kidnapping negroes from other counties and even from Georgia; of fear to give testimony, refusal to testify, and most pitiful of all, of poor negroes professing to be satisfied and contented. In concluding, he said that Anderson County would thank the grand jury for having relieved her of this shameful burden, and saved her good name from the stigma that a few of her misguided citizens placed upon it.

THE IDICTMENTS.

The grand jury in its presentment charges J. S. Fowler with being the first to inaugurate this system, but exonerates him from cruelty. His overseers, particulary Willis McGee, are presented for whipping negroes. Elias McGee, who hires no convicts from the State, has a regular stockade where he keeps "free labor."

W. Q. Hammond, James Martin, William Baily, and J. H. Day are also presented for complicity in false imprisonment.

J. S. Miller and his overseer, J. A. Emerson, are presented, the latter for whipping negroes.

J. B. Watson and P. B. Allen, who employ penitentiary convicts, are exonerated from the false imprisonment charges.

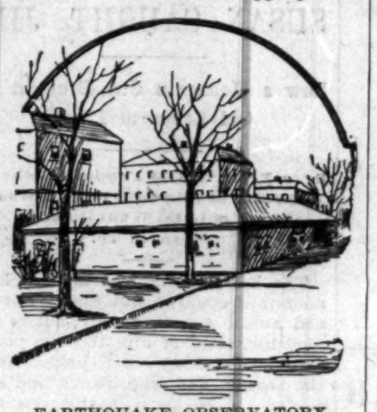
Magistrate J. J. Gilmer is charged with failing to turn in money belonging to the county, and is also presented for serving the warrants upon which negroes were wrongfully arrested. The grand jury states that it met with no resistance in its investigation. The "free negroes" confided in stockades at first declared that they were satisfied, but they were evidently coerced and afterward admitted that they were cruelly treated in many instances.

There are but twenty persons in all who are guilty of this practice, and the grand jury recommends that they be indicted. The report calls attention to the class of men incarcerated. They are worthless negroes, as a rule, who will not pay their honest debts, and laws of the State should be made more effective, and should not be prostituted in the enforcement, as in this instance. Most of the labor contracts in the county are declared legal and just. The grand jury submitted a lot of testimony, which Judge Benet ordered the clerk of the court to keep secret until the cases are tried.

THE EARTH'S TREMORS.

Scientists of Europe Are Now Prepared to Make Thorough Observations of Earthquakes.

It is only recently that the study of earthquakes has been carried on scientifically. It is thought, however, that valuable results can only be obtained if such observations are carried on systematically all over the world. In Germany such observations have especially been made during the last ten years by the Geographical institute of the University of Strasburg, under the leadership of Prof. Jaehnke, a well-known geographer. Last year the administration of Alsace-Lorraine appropriated



EARTHQUAKE OBSERVATORY.
(Erected by the Geographical Institute at Strassburg.)

the amount of 200,000 marks for the construction of a special building and the necessary outfit for carrying on such observations. This building, as shown in the accompanying cut, was recently completed. All available technical means were used in building this house in such a way as to protect the instruments to be used against any influence liable to result from the traffic of the surrounding streets. The same great attention was paid to attaining a uniform temperature, stillness and dryness of the air within the various rooms of the building.

The building has a length of 45 feet and a width of 30 feet, and is divided into four observation rooms, the bottom of which lies 11 feet below the level of the street. The observation building proper is entirely surrounded by a second building, three feet apart from the walls of the former, and at no point connected with it. Roof and walls of this outer building consist of cement and lecton. Chimneylike ventilators are provided on the roof of the outer building, so that a current of fresh air circulates in the open space between inner and outer buildings. The roof of the outer building is covered with a three-feet thick layer of gravel, and then topped off with roofing paper. It is the only building of its kind in the world. Our cut represents only the outer structure, within the walls of which is inclosed the observatory itself.

A dispatch has been received from Berlin to the effect that the authenticity of a painting has just been revealed with the aid of X-rays. The work, which is at Ratisbonne, was supposed to be a Durer, dating back to 1521. The X-rays revealed Durer's monogram and the date 1524. The painting is on silk, stretched over an oak board two centimeters (.79 inch) thick.

Hard on Female Prisoners.

Convicts in British prisons are not permitted to see a mirror during the entire period of their incarceration. To a female this is keener punishment than solitary confinement.

Earl's Etchings.

Miss Mamie Lewis, of Boston, Mass., who came here to teach the Washington marms how to appear in evening dress has failed thus far to accomplish the purpose of her visit. Miss Lewis attended both inaugural balls while in the city and wore a costume, said to have cost $300. Miss Lewis is the daughter of a well to do merchant tailor in the above mentioned city and carries a ward robe of unlimited variety. She has been severely criticised by both sexes for unwarranted attacks made by her upon the Washington "beauts."

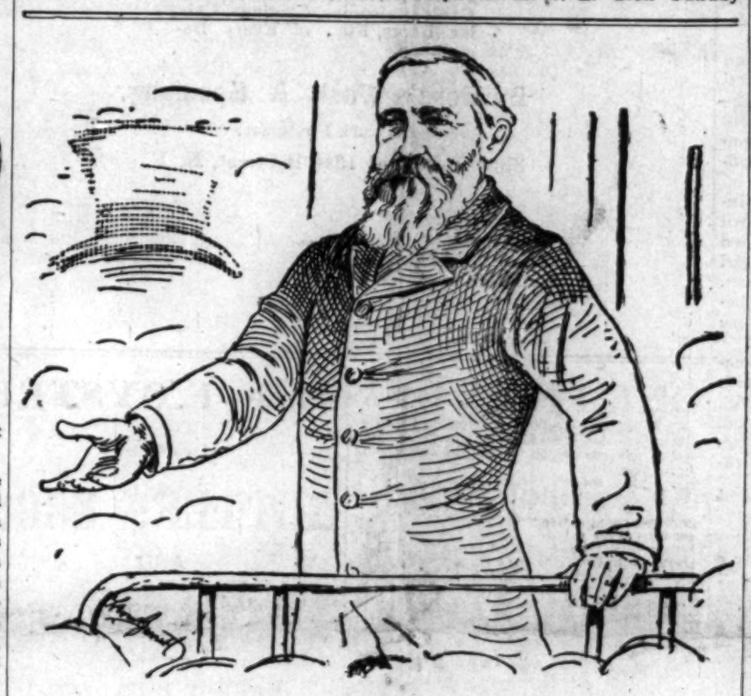
The appointment of Mr. Aaron Russell, Sr., to succeed the late Samuel D. Newcomb at the clerk's desk in the Hall of Representatives is certainly a worthy one. In addition to this, Mr. Russell has been appointed a Notary Public by the President for the District of Columbia.

Preston Allen, an operator of a slave pen in Anderson County, S. C., and who the grand jury of that State failed to indict for such unlawful transactions, dropped dead the other day, while discussing the slave business with a friend. His death spread like wild fire through the neighboring country. Excited negroes gathered in groups and declared that it was the providence of God. Meetings of thanksgiving will be held.

Miss Gertrude Harper has resigned the Matronship of the Frederick Douglass Hospital, Philadelphia and returns to Detroit, where her future residence will be.

The latest points brought out by Dane Fashion are the boa under the left ear and the deep pointed girdles, which are exceedingly chic and becoming to slender figures. One of the extreme styles in separate skirts is the princes skirt with an elevated round girdle, reaching to the bust line. Silver trimmings will take the precedence over gold trimmings, though the latter will be extensively used. The Spanish turban will be the favorite hat for the Spring head gear, drooping very much over the left ear and filled in on the right with roses or flowers of any bright color. The hat is made of taffeta and silk mousline. Eton jackets will still hold their own.

The case of Congressman Sprague, of Massachusetts is a sad one. After years of faithful labor in the turmoil of



HON. BENJAMIN HARRISON,

successful legislation, he is now a mental wreck and may have to be borne away to some private institution for cure. The actions of Mr. Sprague here of recent were notably strange and were pronounced as those of a lunatic. No tragedy in the kingdom mental thought needs more sympathy. The restoration of Mr. Sprague's mind to its former condition would bring back perhaps that same peace-like submission which had so long distinguished him as diplomat and statesman. The misfortune of Mr. Sprague is deeply deplorable.

It is rumored that Mr. Wm. Wilson, an assistant to the Recorder of Deeds, will be married shortly. Mr. Wilson is quite popular and the event will be hailed with increasing pleasure.

Miss Ida Burrell returned to Philadelphia last Friday morning after a pleasant stay here of nearly a week. Miss Burrell is suffering from a bad cold at this writing.

Mr. Charles Sumner, well known in society here, left for Atlantic City Sunday night.

Mr. Taylor will locate in Buffalo, N. Y., this summer.

Mrs. S. W. Layton, President of the Treble Cleff Club of the Quarker City was the guest of Mr. Henry Miner, 213 D street, s. w., last week. She attended the Judson Lyons' Reception and the assembly Thursday evening in company with Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Doughlass.

Capt. Robert W. Fearing of the Lawrenceville Cadets left for his post of duty last Saturday afternoon. Capt. Fearing came here to witness the inaugural ceremonies.

One of the wealthiest bishops of the A. M. E Zion connection is Thomas H. Lomax. His estate is valued at $75,000.

The grocery store opened by the Merchantile Industrial Association, a branch of the True Reformers, has already a thriving trade.

Mr. W. H. Butler, a young newspaper man of some prominence, was in town a few days ago and stopped with his sister Miss Maizie Butler, 1634 4th st., n. w. Mr. Butler is an attache of the Assembly Chamber in the city of Albany, N. Y., and stands high in the earldom of political feasting.

Mr. Charles W. Williams, of Burlington, Kansas, and Miss Hattie L. Adams, of Hannibal, Mo., were united in holy wedlock last Tuesday evening at 1516 Madison street, northwest, by Rev. Gordon, Pastor, of Walker Memorial Church. Mr Williams is a co positor in the Government Printing Office and holds his position with credit and honor.

The Evening Star, of Monday says that Mrs. Fannie Streets, (colored) who died last week at the residence of her daughter 835 3rd street, s. w., had long past the century mark Mrs. Streets had reach the great age of 110 yeaas.

The Philadelphia Tribune of March the 9th is responsible for the following dispatch taken from the March issue of the Ladies' Home Journal: The colored baritone of St. George's Church, New York City, as Mr. Burleigh, went to Albany one day to sing at a private musicale. After it was over the baritone went to a near by hotel but was refused admittance because of his color. Four other hotels were as equally unwillingly to receive him. Coming back to the mansion where he had sung he explained his predicament. Gov. Roosevelt, who had been one of the guest, heard the conversation. "Whats that? he roared. Here Burleigh, come with me. I'll see to it that you'll get a bed." He drove to his own home, gave the singer the best room in the house, and saw to it before he went to bed that every Albany newspaper would announce next morning that Mr. Burleigh had been a guest at the Executive Mansion.

After a duration of about five weeks the fair at the Metropolitan A. M. Zion Church, D bet. 2nd and 3rd streets, s. w., closed Monday evening with a concert by the choir. Among those who participated were: Miss Hattie Collier, Mr. Wm. Bell, Mrs. Smiley and Mr. Joseph Newman, choirister of the choir. A snug little sum was realized from the proceeds.

At the regular annual meeting of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion Sunday School, the following officers were elected: Mrs. Bertie Brooks, Lewis, superintendent; Mr. Wm. Washington, assistant superintendent; Miss Hattie Hamer, secretary; Miss Helen Clark, assistant secretary; Mr. Julius Dick, treasurer; Miss Ida Countee, pianist; Messrs. Lorenzo Adams and Samuel Ford, Librarians. Installation takes place Sunday.

Miss M. Louise Evans of the Randall School is out sick.

Hon. J. C. Dancy, Collector of Customs; at the Port of Wilmington, N. C., was tended a farewell by his friends the other night, prior to his departure for the South.

THE INAUGURATION.

President McKinley Sworn in—The Greatest Demonstration in the History of the Country.

The greatest demonstration in the history of the country took place in this city Monday March 4th. President Mckinley for the second time was inaugurated President of the United States. The Committee in charge deserves great credit for the manner in which the arrangements were carried out.

THE P..OCESSION

was the largest and the most imposing The largest crowd of visitors that ever assembled were in this city. The Afro-American participants were well distributed in the line of march. The military and the civic organizations were well represented:

SLAVE MARRIAGES UPHELD.

Right of Dower—Decision by Judge Hagner of Interest to Colored Persons—King and Hughes.

In the case of Sophia D. Marshall vs. Philip B. Brooks, Judge Hagner, of the District Supreme Court, recently decided that Mrs. Marshall was entitled to dower.

Briefly stated, the facts are as follows: Mrs Sophia D. Marshall was married to Charles H. Marshall in 1858, celebrated according to slave custom. They lived together until 1868, having in the mean time moved to Washington, D. C., where Charles deserted Sophia, procured license and was regulary married to one, Diretta Jones. He lived with Diretta, the second wife, up to the time of his death, which took place in 1896 Prior to his death, he transfered all real estate to said Diretta, who executed a deed of trust on same and died in 1898. Said property was sold at public auction for $2,000. Dr. Philip B. Brooks purchasing the same.

Sophia, the slave wife, through her attorney, L. Melvin King and Royal A. Hughes filed her bill in equity asking that the degree her dower in the real estate herein mentioned. Dr. Brooks was represented by Hamilton and Gilbert, a leading white law firm.

Lawyer King delivered an impressive and scholarly speech in behalf of the rights of his clint. He received credit upon himself and his professional brethern. Among other things he said: "The learned counsel for the defense insists that the first marriage being a slave marriage, and since slaves could not contract, the sanctity of such marriage should not be respected as one was entered into after freedom. I cannot agree with the gentleman. The motive is more essential than the form. I am the product of a slave marriage. Attacks such marriages, when entered into in good faith and you attack me, my race, and my dear mother, who now sleeps beneath the Virginia soil." It is said, by distinguished lawyers to be one of the finest legal argument ever made before our Courts.

FISH WITH EIGHT LEGS.

Descriptions of a Fearfully and Wonderfully Made Piscatorial Freak Caught in Baltimore.

A very curious fish, indeed, is that described by a Baltimore paper. It was caught, says the Sun, by a foreman at the Columbian iron works.

The fish was seen swimming in the dock, and its peculiar motions attracted the attention of the foreman, who lost no time in catching it. The fish is about 12 inches long and of a dark grayish color. The mouth strongly resembles that of a shark, and on its

AN OCEAN FREAK.
(This is Said to Be the Strangest Fish Ever Caught.)

head is a small bump, which some of the watermen at the works declare is the "bump of knowledge."

On either side of the fish are two wings, one large and the other small, which were seen opening and shutting like a fan while the fish was in the water. Below the wings are four legs on either side, resembling those of a crawfish. On the back are large fins, tapering towards the tail. The fish was placed in a glass jar filled with alcohol, and was eaxmined by a number of men at the works, who had followed the water all their lives, but had never seen anything like it.

Some at first thought it might be what is called a "shark's pilot," which gave rise to the supposition that a shark was loitering somewhere in the harbor. Others, however, declared that they were puzzled as to its variety, since they could not reconcile the eight legs with the four wings. At all events a sharp lookout will be kept for a shark around the docks of the iron works.

Case of Coals of Fire.

A colored man in Memphis, Tenn., who was born a slave, has just contributed $1,000 toward the entertainment of the confederate veterans in that city.

Liquid Reciprocity.

America drinks to Germany, and Germany drinks to America, each in the beverage of the other. The Fatherland sent us beer, which we soon learned to like, and after awhile became exceedingly fond of, as the brewery interests of the land bear witness. And now we hear strange things. The commissioner of internal revenue tells us that Germany is rapidly becoming a nation of whisky drinkers. More distilled spirits are exported from here to Germany than to any other foreign country, and the Germans prefer bourbon whisky to rye. During the last fiscal year 411,489 gallons of bourbon and 137,578 gallons of rye whisky went from our distilleries to Germany.—N. Y. Herald.

Peace in Servants' Hall.

No servant of the marquis of Salisbury complains to him twice of a fellow-servant. When a complaint is made the marquis dismisses the complainant. He keeps about 70 servants, and if he interfered in their squabbles he would have little time for affairs of state.

Settled with Old Felix.

Thirty-eight years ago a Mr. Cunningham, who is now editor of the Confederate Veteran, a paper published at Nashville, passed through Opelika, Ala., with a company of confederate soldiers and purchased a lunch of Felix Hubbard, the old blind man who for 45 years has sold papers, peanuts and lunches there. Not having the money he was credited and thought no more of the matter until recently, when he passed through again and, learning that Hubbard was still there, he paid him. Felix Hubbard is known possibly by more people than is any other man in the south. For 45 years, summer and winter, he has met every train day and night, and sold papers, peanuts and lunches. He has been totally blind for over 30 years and is 77 years old and is indeed a remarkable character.

TWO RACES LAUD INGERSOLL.

ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH OBSERVED BY MEMORIAL MEETING.

Dr. W. A. Croffut, Dr. Eccles, Maj. Pechen and a Congregational Pastor Among the Speakers—Resolutions of Eulogy Adopted.

From the Daily Post, March 8.

Admirers of the late Robert G. Ingersoll gathered in force at Grand Army Hall last evening to pay tribute to the life and work of the great agnostic on the second anniversary of his death. While the memorial meeting was arranged by a number of colored leaders of the District, not a few white citizens were in attendance, among the speakers were preachers and layman who extolled the virtues of the man. The hall was decorated with flags and bunting and a large oil painting of Ingersoll, one of Frederick Douglass occupying the similar position at the other side of the hall.

On the platform were seated a number of speakers and others, and there was a good-sized audience gathered within when W. C. Martin, chairman of the Ingersoll memorial committee, called the meeting to order. He referred in words of praise to Col. Ingersoll and quoted some of the sayings which have made him famous. Music was rendered by the Amphion Glee Club, of which Prof. J. Henry Lewis is director and Miss Addie Lewis accompanist. Following this, resolutions prepared by W. Calvin Chase, one the committee, were read by J. W. Patterson and adopted by a rising vote. They were in part as follows:

When Robert Ingersoll died the world lost one of the greatest and best men, and manhood became poorer in all those qualities that make for natural goodness, for sterling worth, and rugged honesty. No man of any age or clime had a broader humanity than this great apostle of right and justice. His sympathies were boundless; they were confined by no narrow limitations of race, class, or sect. All men who suffered wrong found in Ingersoll an advocate and champion.

His great and heroic nature resented the idea that justice could compromise with injustice, or the persecution and oppression should be tolerated in any form. In his broad and beneficent spirit he believed that all men were created free and equal.

As a citizen and soldier, he was one of the purest, bravest, and best of men. In his home no ripple of discord ever found place. The devotion of wife and husband, the kind and dutiful father and children, the joy and laughter of grandchildren, all those virtues and more dominated in the home of Robert Ingersoll.

We meet to-night not to shed tears, but to rejoice that our civilization is grand enough and broad enough to make possible the life, the genius, and triumph of all those virtues that make men happy. good, snd free.

Prof. J. Thomas Butler, of Philadelphia, then gave a reading on the "Vision of War," by Ingersoll, after which "My Old Kentucky Home" was sung by the glee club. Dr. W. A. Croffut, was then introduced by the chairman. In opening he said that Robert G. Ingersoll had shown that man can discard religion and still live a moral life. He stood for liberty and justice, he said, as was shown by his stand on the slavery, Cuban, and Philippine question. He said Col. Ingersoll was the greatest teacher of the age.

Miss Blanche Coleman gave a piano solo. Rev. R. C. Ranson' pastor of the Institutional Church, of Chicago, Ill., was to have delivered an address, but was prevented by illness from attending, and the paper was read by Prof. J. Thomas Butler. It referred in high terms to the work of Robert Ingersoll. Prof. J. B. Felder gave a cornet solo. He was followed by vocal solo by Prof. J. T. Layton, after which Dr. A. P. Miller, pastor of Lincoln Memorial Congregational Church delivered an address, eulogizing the good deeds of Col. Ingersoll. Mrs. Ingersoll sent a letter expressing regret at her inability to be present at the meeting to be held inm emory of her dead husband. She expressed her gratitude to the colored people. Letters of regret were also read from Gen. William Birney, Paul Lawrence Dunbar: and a number of others, by Dr. Jules J. Chilcoat, secretary of the Ingersoll memorial committee.

Dr. Davis Eccles was then introduced, and congratulated the negroes on their advancement. Continuing, he said that when nature produced Robert G. Ingersoll she touched the high-water mark of her production, and gave the world a man endowed with keen judgment, generous impulses, and all that stands for righteousness. He professed no religion, he said, yet his life was a culmination of the highest religion. Maj. Morris Pechin, president of the Secular League, closed the addresses of the evening, and said that Ingersoll's religion was the religion of nature. The meeting was brought to a close by the singing of "America" by the audience.

Candidates for Magistrate.

There are several colored applicants for appointment to the office of justice of the Peace in the new bill. W. H. H. Hart one of the teachers in Howard University; Attorney Fountain Payton, Ruben Smith, Thomas Walker L. M. King was a candidate but he has not practiced long enough before the supreme, court although he is fully a competent, E. M. Hewlett at present justice of the peace and who has filled the office very acceptably.

THEY SAY—

How did you like the ball?

The citizens were strictly in it.

The others have found a hall.

It was a feast for the gods.

There are a number of politicians in town.

The Afro-American Council would like to dictate.

It has gall personified and don't you forget it.

Congressman White was strictly in it in the last campaign.

Recorder Cheatham and Register Lyons had to strain all their power to keep the Afro-American Council quiet.

This is a world of successes.

President McKinley knows a thing or two.

Some people who think they know it all should take a rest.

Think well and act accordingly.

What did you think of the W. Calvin Chase Republican Club.

This is a time for honest men to think.

Attorney Thomas L. Jones is a brilliant lawyer.

He knows his business and don't you forget it.

From nothing nothing comes.

There is always a day of reconing.

Speak.

Many will come but few will be chosen.

Nothing succeeds like success.

President McKinley made a noble inaugural speech.

The President will not forget his loyal friends.

Think well of those who think of you.

Speak the truth always and then you will not be uneasy.

Do your duty and be happy.

The Citizens will remember those who betrayed them.

Why not give Ohio recognition.

Don't express your ignorance on subjects of which you have no knowledge.

Be manly in all you say and do.

The honest man is a manly man.

Howard University may have a colored man at its head some day.

There are to be several judges appointed.

It is hoped that the President will not appoint Justice Mills.

THE BEE is opposed to the appointment of Justice Mills.

Justice O'Donnell will be one of the new Justices.

So will Justice Taylor.

They have served their country well in the late war of the rebellion

This is what some people think.

Don't talk too much.

The greatest man does the greatest deeds.

Don't imagine that you know it all.

Think what you say and when you say it.

Boys are different from what they used to be.

Don't be too hasty.

How did you like the parade?

If you are in doubt say so.

Boys will be boys and don't you for get it.

Never imagine that you are better than your neighbor.

Your mother is your best friend.

You should not be unlike yourself.

Register Lyons looked like a military man.

Georgia was well represented.

WARNED BY AN ORGAN.

How a Georgia Moonshiner Fooled Uncle Sam's Revenue Officers for a Number of Years.

A Georgia correspondent of the Chicago American pronounces "Gin" Hulsey about the shrewdest, wiliest distiller of moonshine whisky the revenue force ever ran across in that part of the world, famed as it is for the most elusive illicit distillers in the world.

"Gin" Hulsey has lived for years at Brasswell, a small flag station on the Southern, about half way between Rome and Atlanta. For a long while the officials have suspected that Hulsey was making whisky, but the clev-

THE MOONSHINER'S DAUGHTER.

erest men in the service were foiled by the old fellow.

But Revenue Officer R. A. Bailey has finally been successful in finding Hulsey's still and revealing the unique method by which he had avoided detection for so long.

Hulsey's home had a basement, and beneath this was another cellar artfully concealed by a trap door. Upstairs in the "best room" was an old church organ, upon which the moonshiner's daughter was quite proficient.

Running from the pedals of the instrument was a cord, which extended down into the sub-basement. When the revenue men were about the girl would play vigorously on the organ, and the cord would jangle a bell below, warning the father to keep close and be on his guard.

For years this scheme worked successfully, but Bailey found the cord, and, tracing it, discovered the still. Hulsey was placed under a $300 bond, which he had no trouble in making. His still plant was not of large capacity, but it was a good one.

WHAT PAPA WANTED.

Asked Prospective Son-in-Law for a Loan of $500 Merely as a Guarantee of Good Faith.

"What I'm lookin' fur," said the old man, as he got off a train at the Union depot, to a Cincinnati Commercial Tribune reporter, "is a lawyer who'll make a certain young man in my town come up to the chalk line or go to jail."

"What's a certain young man in your town been up to?" asked the special policeman who had been addressed.

"Courtin' my daughter."

"But that's no crime."

"Engaged to her fur two years."

"That's perfectly legal."

"But the weddin' day was sot, and they should hev bin married last week," persisted the father.

"Oh, I see. Then he's gone back on the girl?"

"Gone dead back on her, sir; and it's

ASKED FOR A LOAN OF $500.

a breach of promise case, if I know anything about the law."

"Unless he had good and sufficient reasons, you know."

"He couldn't hev had. Milly is one of the best girls in the world. No; she didn't give him no reason to flipflop."

"And you didn't?"

"Not a reason, sir. On the day before they was to be married I sent fur Sam and asked him to lend me $500 and take my note for three years. He sort of choked up over it and said he'd see about it, and that's the last anybody has seen of him. No, sir; I never gave him no reason for throwin' my gal over, and you bet he'll either come up to the crack or play checkers with his nose as a warnin' to other fellers who don't know their own minds."

Charity Is Its Own Reward.

A tender-hearted Boston physician, on being called to visit a poor patient, found the family in such poverty-stricken circumstances that, besides prescribing, he gave five dollars to the family. The next day, on making a second visit, he learned that another physician had been summoned, and had received two dollars. Some of the remaining three dollars had been spent for beer, a box of dominoes and a pack of cards.

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How a Mountain Girl Brought an Old Lover to Time.

By a Pretty Little Feminine Scheme the Big But Bashful Fellow Was Nerved to Do What He Most Wanted To.

The best looking girl in the Pine mountain country was Susan Natter, and Susan was extremely, not to say foolishly, fond of Jim Davis, a young man who was my chief timberman in the season, and who owned and conducted a good farm in the river bottom as a side issue, says the New York Telegram. Jim was the catch of the mountains, and, like other men in that happy class, he was careless and stood a fair chance of losing what ought to be his because he was too sure of it. Susan was just the girl for him, but he had almost worn out her patience by his dillydallying policy, and one day I thought the end had surely come, and it was all up with Jim, who was a favorite of mine, as the winner of the Susan stakes.

"I want to see the best dress pattern you've got in the store, colonel," she said to me as I sat out in front of the commissary one day, "and bein' mighty perticklер, I want you to wait on me," she added, with a smirk not usual to Susan.

"Oh, indeed," I said, chaffingly, going around behind the counter, "something must be going to happen."

"I reckon thar is," she admitted frankly.

"Good for you," I laughed, "and I'm glad that Jim has got to his senses at last."

"Jim," she sniffed, disdainfully "Tain't Jim ez fer ez I know."

"Not Jim!" I almost shouted, for Jim was my choice for her. "Not Jim? Well, who is it?"

"Oh, that's for me to know and you to find out, colonel," she laughed, provokingly, and gave me no further satisfaction. She bought the goods and

"THAT'S FOR ME TO KNOW."

went away, and two hours later Jim came in from work and said he was going over the mountains that night with one of the Martin girls to a dance.

"By the way, Jim," I said, "did you know Susan Natter was going to get married?"

"Thunderation, colonel, no!" he blurted out. "Ner she ain't, is she?"

"I guess she is. I sold her a wedding dress this afternoon, and she told me she was."

"Who's she goin' ter marry, colonel?" he asked, anxiously.

"I don't know. She wouldn't tell me."

"Well, she'll tell me, colonel," he said, with the lines getting hard across his face and little wrinkles of doubt and fear showing between. Jim was facing a possibility that had never presented itself to him in its full strength. He went out of the store and up the road leading to old man Natter's place. The next morning he stopped at the store on his way to work.

"Did you find out who it was?" I asked him at once, for I was interested more than he had been.

"Course I did," he answered, with confidence.

"Who is it?"

"Me," and he laughed the short laugh of the man who had been made to do what he knew he should have done and what he most wanted to do.

"Oh," I exclaimed, "is that it?" And later I discovered that Susan had devised a pretty little feminine scheme to bring Jim to the point, and by my unwitting, but by no means unwilling, assistance, she had succeeded fully.

DOCKERY IN CONGRESS.

Although No Longer a Member of the House He Began Present Session in the Old Way.

Ex-Congressman Dockery has been elected governor of Missouri, says the Chicago Record, but like the rest of mankind, he is a creature of habit, and comes strolling into Washington this year at the opening of congress, as he has done for the last 20 years.

Dockery is absent-minded also, and forgot that he was no longer a member of the house of representatives. On the first day of the session he entered the hall, hung his coat and hat on the old peg in the cloak-room, said good morning to the doorkeeper, got into the barber's chair and was shaved, and then went out and took his former seat about half way down the third aisle on the democratic side. A new member from Virginia noticed a fine specimen of statesmanship occupying his chair and chatting familiarly with the neighbors around him, but was too much of a gentleman to interrupt the conversation, so he went off and sat down somewhere else. When the house was called to order Dockery nodded assent as he used to do, he arose and bowed his head reverently during the chaplain's prayer, and then listened attentively to the reading of the journal to see if he could detect anything to criticise or to object to, but it was short and sweet and offered no chance to find fault. When Mr. Hull offered a resolution for the consideration of the army bill Dockery arose to discuss the proposition when somebody pulled his coattail and reminded him that ex-members are not permitted to participate in the debate.

Dockery turned red in the face, left the seat, grabbed his overcoat and hat and rushed over to the room of the committee on appropriations, where he laid his head upon the breast of Hon. Joseph G. Cannon, of Illinois, and wept bitterly. From that time on he has not entered the house of representatives, and as soon as he can get a railroad pass he is going home.

Mr. Dockery was one of the few who have retired from congress voluntarily. He was a useful and an influential member, but, like Alexander the Great, he sighed for other worlds to conquer. Although the governorship of Missouri is a high honor, worthy of the most ambitious of men, nevertheless Dockery's habits, formed early in life, of objecting to republican schemes of legislation are difficult to overcome.

The duke of the Abruzzi is just now in Rome for the purpose of obtaining the formal consent of the king to his new enterprise, which is not, as reported, another north pole expedition, but a well devised scheme for the exploration of the south pole. King Victor Emmanuel admires and sympathizes with his cousin's exploring ardor and the royal consent and financial assistance are assured. The duke proposes to start from Buenos Ayres in 1902 in a ship which will be specially built in Italy from his own plans and specifications. The duke has already selected as his companions Vittoria Sella, the geographer, and several young officers of the Italian royal navy.

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GEORGE B. HARRIS.
(New President Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad.)

road was rapid. He left the paymaster's position to take service under his father, George S. Harris, then land commissioner for the Burlington & Missouri River, now also a part of the Burlington system. He served that road in several capacities, and had much to do with looking after the right of way, and afterward became purchasing agent, with headquarters at Omaha.

Mr. Harris left the Burlington to become superintendent of the Atchison & Nebraska, with headquarters at Atchison. The Burlington & Missouri River again sought his services, and he became successively assistant general freight agent and general freight agent for that road, with headquarters in Denver. In 1882 he accepted the position of purchasing agent for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, which position he left to become a salesman for the iron firm of John B. Ayer's Son's.

In 1883 A. E. Touzaline and H. B. Strong left the Burlington to become respectively president and vice president of the Santa Fe. Mr. Harris went with them. In the interests of the Santa Fe he carried on difficult and successful negotiations with the Mexican government regarding the Sonora road, which was then owned by the Santa Fe. Having completed that work, he went to Topeka as assistant to General Manager A. A. Robinson, of the Santa Fe.

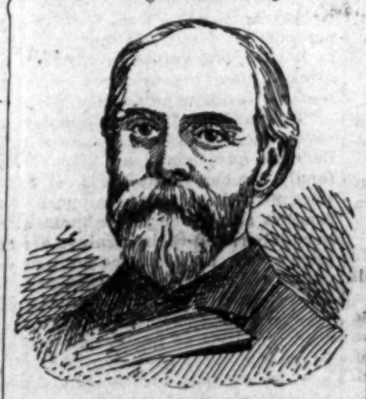
From October to November, 1885, he was assistant to the president of the Chicago, Burlington & Northern, now of the Burlington system, and with headquarters in St. Paul he had entire charge of the construction of that road.

From November, 1885, to June, 1890, he was vice president and general manager of the Chicago, Burlington & Northern. The latter road was sold to the Burlington, and on June 1, 1890, Mr. Harris entered the employ of the Burlington as second vice president. Mr. Harris is a man of powerful physique, and though 53 years old, looks to be not over 40. He is capable of a tremendous amount of hard labor, and does it. His home is at 543 North State street, Chicago.

HON. WHITELAW REID.

He Will Probably Represent the United States at the Coronation of King Edward VII.

Whitelaw Reid, according to the New York Herald, will, it is believed, be sent to England as envoy extraordinary to represent the United States at the coronation of King Edward VII., which is to take place some time in June. The admirable capacity of Mr. Reid for such a distinguished mission is generally recognized. He served the president as special ambassador to the jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1897. He is a man of affairs with a wide experience of the world, extensively traveled, accustomed to deal with all kinds of eminent people and thoroughly familiar with the ways and the words of diplomats. In 1889 Mr. Reid accepted the mission to France and filled that function with great credit. It is now 34 years since he became connected with the New York Tribune, and in all that time he has been eminent in public affairs.



HON. WHITELAW REID.
(He Will Represent the United States at King Edward's Coronation.)

ROUTED BY CANNON.

Hailstorms Vanquished by the Employment of Gunpowder.

United States Consul at Lyons, France, Tells of Grape Owners' Experiments—One Big Gun Will Protect 75 Acres.

John C. Covert, United States consul at Lyons, France, has made an interesting report to the state department regarding the use of cannon in France to prevent the destruction of grapes by hailstorms.

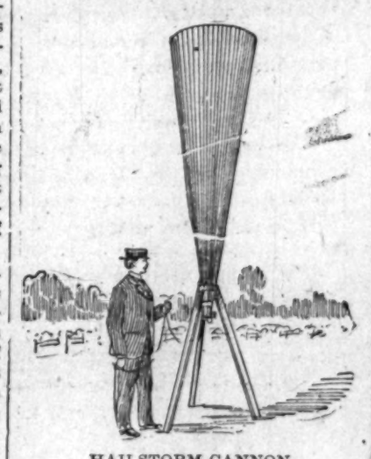
Mr. Covert describes his visit to the towns of Denice and Bois d'Oinget to see how the grape owners vanquished their most dreaded enemy—the hail.

Consul Covert says: "Two long cannons were displayed in each place, almost identical in shape. Each gun is of the shape of an inverted cone, the opening at the mouth being 28½ inches wide. It is planted upon a tripod three feet high. The gun itself is six feet six inches high above the tripod. It is made of thin boiler iron. At its base is a forged breech, which holds a forged iron block.

"In the center of this block is an aperture six inches long, about the size of a large dynamite cartridge, in which is placed a metallic cartridge containing 80 grams of blasting powder, wadded with a cork and tamped like an ordinary miner's blast. It is discharged by a needle on a lever attached to the base of the forged iron holder.

"The detonation is very loud. As soon as the lanyard is pulled flame is visible at the mouth of the gun, followed immediately by a wreath of smoke. A shrill whistling sound immediately follows the firing of the cannon and is heard for 14 seconds. At a distance this whistling is much louder than near the gun. I am told that it travels at a speed of 330 metres per second—4,620 metres in 14 seconds, which is nearly 2½ miles. During the firing a few drops of rain fell."

"I interviewed from 20 to 30 large wine growers who used the cannon



HAILSTORM CANNON.
(Gun Used to Vanquish Wind and Hail in France and Italy.)

last summer. They were all emphatic in their belief in the efficacy of fighting hail with gunpowder. They said that if the weather were hot and they saw the clouds forming, they prepared for a charge. If the clouds were moving rapidly their direction was changed or the movement was stopped by the firing. They were torn asunder and broken into shreds, and a copious fall of rain soon followed.

"In localities where great losses from hail have been incurred every summer the cannon were used last summer, and no hail fell. Two or three miles distant, where no cannon were fired, the hail was very destructive. One cannon protects nearly 75 acres of land.

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Ramrod	10
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"The cost of operating a gun for 500 shots, not including labor, is $15.50.

"An agricultural paper announces that a vast defensive alliance has been formed in the French Alps, including the grape growers of five departments, for the purpose of buying cannon and powder for war against the hail next summer. The grape growers everywhere believe in the cannon.

"In 1899 2,000 cannon were engaged in cloud shooting in Italy. Last year the number had swelled to 15,000. The Italian government goes so far in recognizing the efficacy of the cannon as to furnish powder to grape growers at three cents per pound.

"The director of the Agricultural Societies of the Southeast of France says in his report that 'we cannot conclude that in all cases the use of cannon will afford complete protection, but it is undeniable that the results obtained are most interesting and give veritable hopes for the future.'

"Before the present improved destroyers were in use vine growers shot powder from a sheet iron case fixed in a strong box in the trunk of a tree. In some parts of France they rang, and still ring, church bells, believing that the vibrations in the atmosphere affected the elements."

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Disfranchising the Negro.

As a compliment to the democratic negroes in the state of Maryland who voted the democratic ticket last fall, the democratic leg slature is about to pass a law disfranchising them. In doing so there will be several hundred ignorant and illiterate white people disfranchised. The democrats in the State are about to commit an act that will not only effect the negro but will do a great deal of injury to the poor white people who can neither read nor write. Democratic legistures may disfrachise the voting negroes of this country, which in their opinion may think will assist the democratic party, but the negroes are pursueing the even tenor of their way. The democratic party of Maryland may enact all the law it pleases, but, the more intelligent white people in the State will vote for a good and clean government and good men to fill the offices. There are thousands of white voters in the State who will not vote the democratic ticket notwithstanding the disfranchising act of the democratic legislature. The democratic legislature should have also added a whipping post clause, to the effect, that every negro who voted the democratic ticket last fall should be given 9 and 30 on his naked back from and after the passage of the disfranchising act.

The Negro in Business.

The condition of the colored man in this country demands serious consideration from a business standpoint. Is the negro a business factor? That is the question. Can he become a business factor in his present condition? There is a great deal of sentiment in the negro and not enough business qualities. He carries his sentiment in everything he undertakes. He lacks business principles and lacks the force that should go to make up a real man in the business world. He is deceptive with those of his own race and seeks to take advantoge of the more unfortunate. In this city there is no end to the business advocates and those persons who pretend to be so much interested are the personn when they go to purchase goods, seek the wholesale stores and other business places kept by those who are inimical to the negro. If the negro were a reading class, by now, there would be, at least, 50 to 100 first class daily papers in the United States. As it is we have hundreds of weekly papers in the United States edited by colored men and it is true, yet painful to state, that a majority of these papers, if not all of them, are supported by white people. The negro fails to help himself. There is too much jealously in the race. Until the negro can be broad enough to help one another, it will be years before he will be a factor in the business world.

Ex-President Harrison Dead.

At 4:45 o'clock Wednesday afternoon Benjamin Harrison, Ex-President of the United States, died in the city of Indianapolis, Ind. He was one of the most gifted orators in the United States and one of the mast brilliant lawyers. As President of the United States Mr. Harrison demonstrated such ability that commended him to the American people as one of the most successful Chief Executives that ever filled the chair. Mr. Harrison was a stateman, of no mean ability and his death will be keenly felt by the American people. There are many things concerning the Administration of Mr. Harrison that can be commended and it was not until after his defeat for the Presidency did the American people feel the hard times. During the entire Administration of Mr. Harrison the country was in a prosperous condition.

A soldier and statesmon is dead.

The Scramble.

There is a scramble among certain men for the position of Justice of the Peace under the new bill. It is reliably reported that, at least two thirds of the old Justices will be retired. There is every reason to believe that the President will appoint men who are not at all prejudiced and who stand well before the people. There will be, at least two colored men appointed. This number the colored people are entitled to and there is no doubt that the President will select two good men.

Narrow Journalism.

When a newspaper edited by a negro descends so low as to only publish one report of two balls or two entertainments that occur on the same night, THE BEE is of the opinion that it is about time for that class of men to retire from journalism. A newspaper is supposed to be conducted for the benefit of the public and its patrons and not in the interest of self. When an editor or a publisher can see no further than self he had better discontinue his publication.

General Boyton.

Commissioner Macfarland could not have appointed a better man on the school board than Genl. Boyton. This new member of the Board of Education will take from the schools a few of those rebel histories and substitute books that contain truth and facts. Genl. Boyton is a wide awake man and his appointment will prove to be a benefit to the schools.

The papers says as well as the people that the W. Calvin Chase Republican Club was the finest in line on the of 4th of March.

The inaugural welcome club has completed its work and has come out several dollars ahead.

The Governor of the State of Utah has vetoed the bill that sanctions polygamy.

The British troops are having a hard time. One foe has been conquered, but the greatest foe is the bubonic plague.

In the recent inaugurel parade the colored troops were given good positions in line.

The powers that are opposed to the action of Russia should withdraw and allow the Russian troops to fight it out alone.

Now that the disfranchisement act in Maryland has become a law, what has the negro democrats to say?

The Pennsylvania troops will never be allowed to come to Washington again.

Perhaps the democratic party will come together on a new issue.

Mr. Gorham has his eyes on the Senate. He will hardly reach it for some time to come.

Why the Sugar Was Light.

Mrs. Youngwife—You are sure there are five pounds of sugar in this package? It seems very light.

Grocer—That, madam, is because it is entirely free from sand. — Boston Transcript.

Making It Real.

Granny—Why, children, what is all this terrible noise about?

Jamie—Oh, granny, we've got Uncle Harry locked in the cupboard, an' when he gets a little angrier I'm going to play going into the lions' den!—N. Y. World.

Mistaken.

Old Friend—To tell you the truth, George, this house you're in now is no great shakes.

George (grimly)—Wait till you've slept in it through a storm.—N. Y. Weekly.

No Excuse.

"I did the best I could for you," said the attorney; "but we lost the case, nevertheless."

"Oh! you needn't make any excuses," replied his client. "Ignorance of the law excuses no one."—Puck.

Fifty Dollar Gold Pieces.

No $50 gold pieces were ever coined by the government of the United States, although during the gold excitement of '49 in California a good many were coined by private parties.

THE WHIPPING POST.

Penalty for Men Who Desert Their Wives and Families.

Evil Is Increasing in All Parts of the Country, But More Especially in Our Cities—More Rigid Laws Needed.

The establishment of the whipping post as a punishment for men who beat or desert their wives is suggested by officers of the Chicago bureau of charities in a statement issued recently. The statement reads in part as follows:

"From charitable societies all over the land comes a cry of alarm at the prevalence of family desertion by husbands and fathers. Whether this evil is increasing in proportion to the population is not established, but certain it is that reports of organizations engaged in charitable work indicate a growing interest in the subject. Three different opinions are expressed. One holds that the proportions of desertions to population is not increasing, but that more thorough study of conditions is bringing the facts into new prominence. Another holds that laxity in marriage and divorce laws is begetting a widespread disregard of family ties and obligations, and that the remedy lies in stricter laws and their rigid enforcement. The third opinion noted maintains that the influx of large numbers of ignorant foreigners is responsible for an abnormal increase in the evil.

"It is asserted that these persons coming from countries in which marriage and divorce laws are extremely restrictive, are subject to a moral reaction which converts liberty into license.

"The holders of this opinion believe in the enactment of more rigid laws, but place their faith chiefly in the educational value of our churches, schools and other republican institutions. The contention of those who hold to the third opinion appears to

DELAWARE WHIPPING POST.
(Chicago Reformers Would Like to Have It Used in That City.)

receive support in the fact that an extremely large proportion of desertions is reported among certain classes of foreigners who have not been long in America and who formerly lived under conditions of great severity. An idea of the magnitude of the evil may be gained from the statement that in the last year the Chicago bureau of charities was called upon to deal with 605 families left destitute by the desertion of the husband; the county agent of Cook county gave aid to 1,000 such families, and the Chicago Relief and Aid society to about 480.

"This is the record for one year of only three of the many societies in Chicago which are conducting charitable work in this city. In March of last year the county agent issued material relief to 664 deserted families. The statistics from other large cities indicate that similar conditions exist elsewhere.

"Laws for compelling men to support their families are not lacking, but no effective method of enforcing them has been devised. Ordinarily a man who deserts his family goes at once beyond the jurisdiction of courts competent to deal with him. The ordinary legal provision for correcting this evil consists of a trial by means of which a court is led to order the offender to contribute a fixed weekly or monthly sum for the support of his family, failing in which he is to be committed to jail until he gives satisfactory evidence of an intention to obey the court's mandate.

"The infliction of this penalty involves the support of the man at public cost, and brings no help to the family. In one of the European countries men who refuse to support their families are placed in confinement at hard labor, and their earnings are applied to the maintenance of their dependents. This method seems to have several distinct advantages. In its report for last year the Associated Charities of Los Angeles publishes a plea for the establishment of a whipping post for the punishment of men who beat or desert their wives.

"This plea cites the example of Delaware, where it is asserted the whipping post has made the offense of wife desertion one of the rarest crimes. We have no hesitancy in preferring the European plan for dealing with this great evil, and beg to suggest that the subject is one worthy of legislative consideration."

Cenotaphs of the Czars.

It is not generally known that the remains of all the czars of Russia since Peter the Great lie in a memorial chapel built on one of the islands of the Neva. All the cenotaphs are exactly alike, each being a block of white marble, without any decoration whatever. The only distinction by which one is marked is the name of the deceased emperor.

PUT UP GOOD FIGHT

Nine American Soldiers Against Two Hundred Filipinos.

A Lively Surprise Which Ended in a Complete Victory for Our Boys—Relief, However, Came Just in Nick of Time.

A Philippine island correspondent of the New York Sun writes that Manila has just heard the story of a plucky fight between a detachment of nine men of the Fifteenth infantry and a force of Gen. Cailles' men, variously estimated at from 200 to 250. Of these insurgents some were bolomen and hence did not get into the thick of the fight, but it speaks well for the valor and fighting skill of the nine Americans that they were not overwhelmed and killed or carried off as prisoners.

The detachment consisted of nine men from L company and was in charge of Sergt. Philbon, who had orders to go to the town of Paete on the Laguna de Bay and bring back the meat rations for the post. He set out about daylight on the morning of December 31 to march from Lumban, the company headquarters, down along the river and lake front to Paete. The year closed in a spell of glorious weather and the men swung along with easy gait through long stretches of cool, shady cocoanut groves.

Nothing of note occurred until the men had gone about half the distance, when a native was seen to run across the road a short distance in front of them. It was undoubtedly a surprise for both parties, but though the native escaped the soldiers found a bit of paper in the bushes where he had disappeared. On the paper was a message from the insurgent general of the district to the local commander ordering an attack to be made on Lumban at sunrise the following day.

The little party made all haste to Paete, where they reported the discovery and notified the Lumban company to be prepared for the attack. As soon as the fresh meat and provisions had been secured the detail hur-

A NATIVE RAN ACROSS THE ROAD.

ried off again so as to reach their company in time to become mixed up in the expected scrap: but it turned out that they had a row that was all their own.

It was after dark when they left Paete, but the moon was up and the night was clear and they urged along the heavily laden pack ponies at top speed. Suddenly, just after the detachment passed through the barrio of San Juan, the insurgents opened fire from the front and both sides of the road.

It was a pretty lively surprise, but in a moment the ponies had been run off to the side and Philbon had distributed his men to the best advantage. Then firing began in earnest.

With nothing more than the flash of the rifles to guide them, the men lay flat in the road, firing regularly and trying to locate the scattering enemy and make every shot count. For half an hour the uneven struggle was maintained and then as the moon rose higher and higher the insurgents could be seen gradually closing in on all sides.

Early in the fight Sergt. Philbon was wounded, but he said nothing and went on giving commands so naturally that some of the men did not know of his hurt. Shortly afterward Private Kearney was hit and his comrades pulled him to a place of safety, and then Philbon was wounded again.

In the meantime the Paete garrison had heard the shooting, and Capt. Smith and Lieut. Banford rushed out with a relief party. They arrived none too soon, for the insurgents were closing in rapidly and firing so quickly that it was evident that they were well supplied with ammunition. When the relief arrived the insurgents made for the hills as fast as they could.

When rescued the ammunition of the Americans was well-nigh exhausted and some of the men would have given little for their chances of eating the New Year's dinner. Philbon was hit four times. One of the shots shattered his left hand and blew off the bolt of his gun. Private Brannon was missing, and it is almost certain that he was carried off by the retreating enemy.

Five or six Filipinos were found dead and four others were picked up so badly wounded that they could not crawl away. All the wounded men were taken to the American hospital at Santa Cruz, where they are receiving all possible attention.

Now Swears Under His Breath.

William Burke, of Binghamton, N. Y., has been sent to jail for 30 days for using profane language in a public street. Since his incarceration he swears twice as much as ever, but his oaths are muttered under his breath.

MRS. EDDY REPLIES.

Resents Statements Made by Dr. Allan McLane Hamilton.

Head of the Christian Scientists Answers the Noted Alienist's Claim That Faith in Mind Cure Is a Sign of Insanity.

The teachings of Christian Science were the feature, in fact the basis, of the Brush will contest before Surrogate Fitzgerald at New York. Dr. Allan McLane Hamilton, the noted alienist, was asked:

"Do you say that a person who believes in the power of God, operating through a human agent to cure disease without material means, suffers from delusions?"

"Yes," he answered, "most decidedly."

Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, the head of the Christian Scientists, was telegraphed the substance of Dr. Hamilton's testimony and requested to reply. She sent the following to the New York World:

"Is faith in divine metaphysics insanity?

"All sin is insanity, but healing the sick is not sin. There is a universal insanity which mistakes fable for fact throughout the entire testimony of the material senses. Those unfortunate people who are committed to insane asylums are only so many well defined instances of the baneful effects of illusion on mortal minds and bodies.

"The supposition that we can correct insanity by the use of drugs is in itself a species of insanity. A drug cannot of itself go to the brain or affect cerebral conditions in any manner whatever. Drugs cannot remove inflammation, restore disordered functions, or destroy disease without the aid of mind.

"If mind be absent from the body drugs can produce no effect upon it. Mind must be, is, the vehicle of all modes of healing disease and of pro-

MARY BARKER G. EDDY.
(Founder and Head of the Christian Science Church.)

ducing disease. Through the mandate of mind or according to his belief, a man can he helped or he can be killed by a drug; but mind, not matter produces the result in either case.

"Neither life nor death, health nor disease, can be produced on a corpse when mind has departed. This self-evident fact is proof that mind is the cause of all effect made manifest through so-called matter, and that matter is but a subjective state of mortal mind. The general craze is that matter masters mind; the specific insanity is that brain, matter, is insane."

During Dr. Hamilton's testimony he was asked further:

"Would you say a woman who had recovered temporarily from pneumonia and consumption and who attributed it to reading Mrs. Eddy's book, 'Science and Health,' was suffering from mental delusions?"

"I should."

"What would you say of a woman who believed that all the blood could be drawn from her body and that she would still live?"

"No sane person could have such a belief," declared Dr. Hamilton. "It indicated a loss of organic memory. A sane person could not have such a belief and at the same time associate such a belief with the ordinary experiences and facts of life.

"Could she at the same time present the appearance of sanity to the world?"

"She could have faced the world with no indication of unsound mind."

"Would she be influenced by this delusion in the distribution of her property?"

"She would, undoubtedly, be influenced by her delusions against certain beneficiaries who might be opposed to her false belief."

"I believe," continued Dr. Hamilton, speaking of Miss Brush, "that her mental condition was such as to make her act under delusions and that her delusions were largely the result of her extreme devotion to the Christian Science faith through the constant presence of its teachers."

King Menelik of Abyssinia.

There is one African king who is highly respected by all the great powers of Europe. He has a standing army of 150,000 men, and in 1895, when Italy tried to annex one of his provinces, she was badly defeated in a few months. King Menelik II. of Abyssinia has been having some more trouble, this time with his own people. While he was away on a visit, some chiefs rebelled, and in the fight 7,000 lives were lost. There are about 3,000,000 people in the country. Menelik claims to be descended from King Solomon, who, according to Abyssinian tradition, founded the Abyssinian nation. He was born in 1842, and succeeded to the throne in 1899. Before that he had been ruler of one of the four kingdoms of Abyssinia.

NEW CHICAGO CRAZE.

Practiced by Women Who Shave Their Patient Husbands.

Take Lessons from Barbers and Then Practice on Tramps—Not All Married Men Are Charmed with the Arrangement.

Many women in Chicago have taken up a new fad with great earnestness. It is the learning of the tonsorial art, so that they may shave their husbands. The fad was started by a well-known society woman, who had a great horror of her husband's going to barber shops, because she thought they were unsanitary. She believed that all manner of disease germs might be disseminated in barber shops, and she continually urged her husband to shave himself and stay away from the shops. But the husband declared that he could not shave himself without cutting at least three long and sanguinary looking slits on his face, and between gathering up disease germs and having his countenance continually resembling a war map of South Africa he decided to risk the germs.

But the wife was not satisfied. One day she was seized with an inspiration. She sent for her husband's barber, and had him give her a course of lessons in the gentle art of shaving. The barber would pick up some victim on the street on whom his pupil could practice, and the lessons went along swimmingly, although the doctor had to take three stitches in the neck of the first tramp on whom the woman student practiced.

Finally she learned to hold a razor firmly and to wield it intelligently, and the barber told her she had graduated.

Then she appeared before her husband one day just as he was going to the barber shop and said: "My dear, you do not need to go to that nasty old shop any more. I will shave you myself."

Just what her husband said is not known, but he grew pale and tried to dodge past for the door.

"Why—why," he stammered, "of course that's all right, but wait until next week."

STROPPING HER RAZOR.

"No," replied his wife, "I am going to shave you now."

The husband finally asserted himself.

"My dear," he said, firmly, "I have smoked the cigars you bought for me Christmas without a murmur; I let you pick out two suits of clothes for me and direct the tailor how they should be cut, and I wore them without paying the slightest attention to the thoughtless and irrelevant remarks of my friends, but here is where I draw the line. I will not let you shave me. Life is still sweet to me, and the spectacle of your toying at my throat with a razor is too horrible for words."

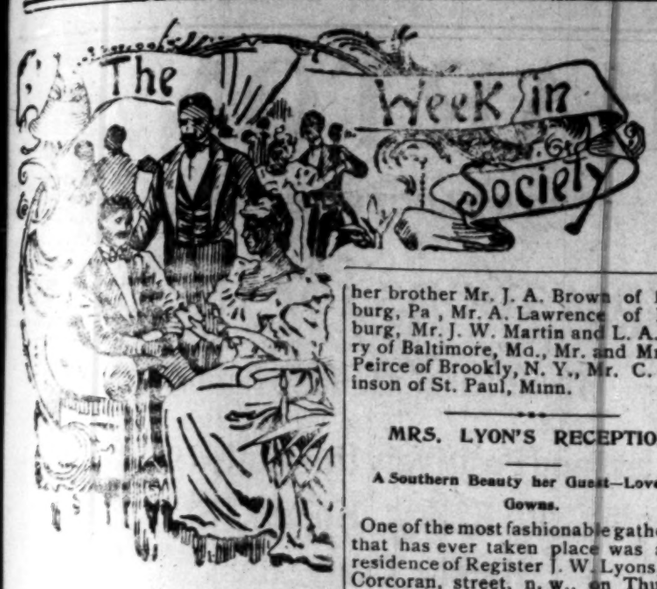
The wife pleaded to be allowed just to make the attempt, promising that if her husband were not satisfied that she could shave him as well as the barber he might go back to the latter.

So the trial was made. The wife took the mug and made a stiff lather and then seated her husband in his favorite leather chair in the library, and after lathering his face completely stropped the razor with a practiced hand, and then proceeded to shave her astonished spouse with as much ease and dexterity as his barber had ever shown. She even thought to ask him if the razor pulled, and whether he wanted a close shave or just medium.

The husband hardly dared draw his breath during the shaving, but when it was concluded with such satisfaction and his face had been treated with bay rum and nicely powdered he was ecstatic. He declared that he would never again go into a barber shop and that he would then and there appoint his wife his official court barber for life.

The wife told of her success to her friends, and several of them took up the study of shaving, and soon the barber who taught the first woman had quite a class, and to-day he is instructing some three or four women in the art. Practical cases are secured in the person of men out of work, who are paid 25 cents for allowing the students to shave them. They also get ten cents each for small cuts, and a quarter apiece for big ones, and manage to get along real well.

But, says the Chicago Tribune, not all the husbands are charmed with the arrangement. One man said his wife developed into a splendid barber and shaved him every morning for a week nicely without pulling or cutting once. But on Sunday morning, just as she was shaving his chin, a mouse ran out of a corner of the room and the amateur barber saw it. The doctor took five stitches in the cut and it is healing rapidly, but the man will go back to his regular barber as soon as it gets well.



Messrs. Fitzgerarld and Gibson of Atlantic City, N. J., were the guests of Mrs. Bell of O st, n. w., during the inaugural week.

Mr. Benjamin Davis of Phila. Pa. vistied his sister, Mrs. Julia Dodson and his brother, Mr. A. Davis of 4th st, n. w., during the inaugural week.

Mr. B. Fletcher is a frequent visitor in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker of 1805 Montrose st., Phila. Pa., were the guests of their brother Mr. Walker of West Washington.

Miss Tutie Songo left highly pleased with her visit.

The W. Calvin Chase Republican Club No. 8 met at 1123, 3dr street s. w. Monday night and elected the following officers: James W. Green, president; H. S. Butler, vice president; John C. Stone, secretary; N. Franklin, treasurer; and S. C. Cox, sergant at arms. Adjourned to meet 18th.

Miss Marie James, the accomplished pianist and vocolist gave a very pretty tea at her residence 1510 Madison street, last Saturday evening. The company was agreeable and pleasant and the tea superb.

Mrs. Langston and Davis of Detroit, Mich., are stpping at 1714, P st, n. w.

Mr. J. B. Raymond has returned to his home.

Rev. Geo. W. Krygan, pastor of the Mr. Oliver Baptist, East Orange, N. J., was in this city last week.

Miss Fredricker Sprangue was among the many inaugural visitors last week.

Mrs. Clifford of Cleveland Ohio.. is a visitor in this city. She is the wife of the popular Will Clifford of Cleveland.

Among the visitors during the inaugural week, were Mrs. Louise A. Cooper and her son, Palmer of New York City who were the honored guests of Mrs. D. F. Baltimore, 71 G st. s. w.

Mrs. Maggie Thompson, matron of the Colored Orphan Home at Hunington, W. Va , and her little daughter Edith were the guests of Miss Belle E. Lewis at 33 Defrees st., during the inauguration week. They left Friday night for their home accompanied by Rev. C. H Payne and wife.

Mrs. Mackey, of Baltimore, Md.. left for her home last week.

Miss Nannie Borroughs, of Louisville, Ky., is in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson, of New York left this week. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. S. Pinchback.

Mrs. Fountine and daughter who were the guests of Mr. and Mrs Geo. H. Lee, of T street have left for Hampton, Va.

Last Thursday afternoon a large party of friends met at the residence of Mrs. Marie H. Payne, 1328 New Hampshire ave. n. w. to witness the christening of Wm. Tuner son of Mrs. J. B. Monroe. The ceremony was preformed by Rev. Garner of the Plymouth Congressional Church. A splendid repast was served the guest s

Mr. R. Dawson Brister of Howard University, will read a paper before the Odd Fellows Lyceum Sunday March 17th 1901, at 3 30. o'clock p. m. Subject: the Price of Liberty. Music by the Vt. ave., Baptist chior.

Mr. Summer Wormely has been elected president of the Cosmos Club. Mr. Wormely is a young man higly respected and his election to the presidency of this social club is a compliment to him. Mr. Robert T. Douglass is also a young man well known and respected by the community.

Col. James H. Hill, of Mississippi left for his post last week.

Mrs. Augusta Henderson nee Miss Pet Contee left for her home in New York Wednesday. Mrs. Henderson had an enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Contee of Denver Col., who have been the guests of their mother are receiving a great deal of social attention.

Among many whose names were omitted in the report of the inaugural ball last week were: Miss Johnson of 21st n.w., Mrs. W. J. Mays, Mr. A. P. Albert, Mrs. A Hilyer, Mrs. Arthur Brooks, Miss Annie Ross, Mrs. Lucy Morris, Mrs. Addison Syphax, Miss Mathews of Massachusette, and many others.

Mrs. Alice Sparks of Philadelphia, Pa., who was the guest of Miss Jeannette E. Anderson, during the inaugural week, left last Monday evening for her home. Mrs. Sparks was highly entertained during her visit, several parties being given in her honer. She left delighted with her visit.

Mr. Robert L. Lipscomb of Philadelphia, Pa., received great attention during his visit to this city. He left last Friday for Atlantic City.

Mrs. N. Morgan, of 918 11 st. n. w., had as her guests her sister Mrs. T. Marlowe and children of New York, her brother Mr. J. A. Brown of Pittsburg, Pa , Mr. A. Lawrence of Pittsburg, Mr. J. W. Martin and L. A. Murry of Baltimore, Md., Mr. and Mrs. T. Peirce of Brookly, N. Y., Mr. C. Robinson of St. Paul, Minn.

MRS. LYON'S RECEPTION.

A Southern Beauty her Guest—Lovely Gowns.

One of the most fashionable gatherings that has ever taken place was at the residence of Register J. W. Lyons, 1417, Corcoran, street, n. w., on Thursday evening of last week. The reception was given by Mrs. J. W. Lyons' in honor of Mrs. Sylvanus H. H. Hart a southern beauty, of Jacksonville, Fla., who is visiting Mrs. Lyons. Mrs. Lyons was handsomely dressed in white silk with gold trimmings. Mrs. H. H. Hart yellow crape de chin. Mrs. Daisy Arnold, gray silk with chiffon trimmings. Mrs. Robert Williams, white poplin. Miss Helen Steavens, white net with blue satin trimmings. Mrs. Jesse Lawson, blue silk. The receiving party was Mrs. J. W. Lyons, Mr. Sylvanus H. H. Hart, Mr. Dasie Coleman Arnold, Miss Hellen Stephen of Philadelphia, Mrs. Robert Williams and Mrs. Jesse Lawson. The spacious parlors were crowded with some of the most fashionable society ladies and gentlemen. The ladies toilets were exquisit, particularly the dresses of Mrs. Robert R. Colbert, Mrs. Ruth Dunbar, Mrs. Bettie Francis, wife of Dr. J. R. Francis, Mrs. A. M. Curtis, Mrs. Lulu Jackson, Mrs. Charles R. Douglas, Mrs. Charles Anderson, of New York. Mrs. Anderson is a very sweet and pretty lady who was very handsomely dressed.

Among those present were: Miss Hallie Q. Brown, Mr. Jno. A. Lewis, Misses Howard, Miss Sadie Farley, Mr and Mrs. Geo. W. Jackson. Mr. and Mrs. Pelham, Mrs. M. B. Kelley, Mr. G. H. Fayerweather, Mr. and Mrs. Lofton, Hogansville, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. Thos Carter, Miss R. Ella Brown, Miss Alexzine Montague, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. White, Agusta, Ga., Mr. Henry P. Slaughter, Mr and Mrs. Jerry Brown, E. J. Bell, Elberton Ga., Dr. Harris, Athens, Ga., Prof. and Mrs. Geo. W. Cook, Miss Blanch Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Albert, Miss Anna Grinnage, Misses Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick White, Mrs. Clinton, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Larence Dunbar, Mrs. John M. Langston, Miss Jennie Percival, Mrs. H. Y. Arnettt, Mrs. Spencer, New York City, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce, Mr. John Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. M. Jones, Mr. E. M. Hewlett, Miss Anna Rhone, Baltimore, Miss Bessie Taylor, Atlanta, Ga., Misses Brown, Harrisburg, Pa., Mr. Daniel Mason and Miss Mason, Mrs. Holland Powell, Richmond, Va., Mr. Robt. Batty, Augusta, Ga., Mr. Wm. J. White Jr. Augusta, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Brown, Mr. Thos. Hope Augusta, Ga., Mr. T. M. Dent, Rome, Ga., Miss J. I. Songow Philadelphia, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Hershaw, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gray, Miss Margery Smith, Mr. Theodore Bliss Green, Capt. and Mrs. Thos. T. Kelley. Mr. and Mrs F. W. Pettiford, Mr. and Mrs. Jas Austin, Mrs. Kate Braxton, Baltimore, Md., Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McCarey, Mrs. L. E. Shepard, Miss Mamie Shepard, Misses Gibbs, Mr. Wm. H. Likes, Mr. and Mrs. Ruby, Miss R. Ella Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Hayden White, Georgia. Hon. G. H. White, Gov. P. B. Pinchback, Cyrus Fields Adams, Charles W. Chestnut, Mr. and Mrs. Bishop B. W. Arnett, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Anderson, New York, City. Dr. and Mrs. John R. Francis, Mr. and Mrs John Green, Prof. and Mrs. Kelly Miller, Prof. and Mrs. Robt. Terrell, Mr. Daniel Murray, Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Curtis, Miss Curtis, Mrs. Silas Dickerson, New Port, R. I. Mr. Fred Dickerson, New Port R. I. Miss Maggie Kintoch, New Port R. I. Mrs. John Hurst Baltimore, Mrs. Samuel Tatem, Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Bailey, Hon. Henry Rucker, Atlanta, Ga., Col. John H. Deveanx, Savannah, Ga., Mr. M. B. Morton, Athens, Ga., Capt. C. C. Wimbish, Atlanta, Ga., Mr. W. Calvin Chase, Rev. and Mrs. Owen Waller, Mrs. Stephens, Philadelpha, Miss Mary L. Gains, Atlanta, Ga , Miss Anna Clole, Mrs. Ben. F. Werls, Cincinnati, Miss Eva Johnston, Buffalo, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Richard Toomey, Mrs Thos. Ringold, Philadelphia Miss H. Jackson, Pittsburg Pa., Miss Cavalier, Fall River, Mass., Miss Lizzie Lapointz, Philadelphia, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Tyson, Mr. and Mrs A. H. Matthews, Miss Flora Lewis Philadelphia, Pa., Miss Margaret Lews. Mr. Wyatt Archer Mr. and Mrs. Hutchins, Rev. Walter Brooks, Misses Brooks, Mrs. W. V Tunnell, Rev. Sterling, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Andrew J. Dyer, Mrs. Mary Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Fountain, Lewis, Cincinnati, Mr. and Mrs Chas. R. Doughlass, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Connor, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Colbert. Dr. Samuel A. Ward.

Inaugural Ball Notes.

Miss Craig is a sweet little lady.

Miss Smith, sister of Mrs. Hamilton Smith wore a pretty dress.

Mrs. William Green of Ohio wore a most becoming dress, she was no doubt the prettiest lady at the ball.

Miss Beckham of New York is a sweet waltzer.

Miss Victoria Thompson was beautifully dressed.

Mrs. Joseph H. Hannoe was the most stately lady at the ball.

Mrs. Augusta Henderson of New York has not loss any of her beauty.

Miss Marie James wore a most fascinating dress.

Will Currey wore a pleasing black dress suit. He is a good entertainer.

Mrs. Alice Sparks of Philadelphia; is ag eeable company.

Miss Matthews of Massachusetts has the simplicity of a dove. Her dress was pretty.

Mrs. Fannie Buther has loss none of her sweetness.

Miss Mattie Shadd was becomingly attired. She is a sweet lady.

The Misses Green, the daughters of Mr. Richard Green are sweet and innocent looking young ladies.

Miss Maud Dunbar was dressed in fashion and her dress was attractive.

Miss Anna Ross is a sweet little dancer and prepossessing in every way.

Miss Contee has a very pleasing smile

Mrs. Toomey looked very sweet and wore a very becoming dress.

Mrs. Thomas H. Carter and he sister Mrs. Rogers were attractive.

Mrs. Wm. Green, of Cleveland, Ohio. One among the many pretty ladies at the Citizens' Ball, Marce 5th.

CAUGHT BY AN ICEBERG.

For Three Weeks a Big Steamer Was Carried Along Safely in a Cradle of Ice.

Wrecked by an iceberg in one of the strangest of manners is the story of the steamer Whitelaw, ten days out of Belfast for New Brunswick.

The propeller shaft had broken and the screw had dropped into a mile of water. Helpless, the vessel rolled and pitched on the long swells of the Atlantic. There was fog. Then came wind and then drifting, day after day. On the sixth day, there was fog again, and suddenly out of the white mist rose the whiter outlines of an immense iceberg.

There was no time to lower boats. The huge mass was overshadowing the vessel, when all at once it grated and grounded hard and fast on an underlying shelf of ice. Fast in this ice cradle the vessel drifted southward day after day, the crew expecting an overhanging cliff of ice to fall and crush the vessel or to have the whole ice mass "turn turtle."

But nothing happened. Only the steady southward drift of berg and steamer followed, and day by day, as warmer seas were encountered, the ice mass grew smaller.

For three weeks the huge iceberg dwindled, until, as it tilted, the Whitelaw was lifted out of the water. From this pinnacle the crew finally attracted the attention of the Cyrus, of Hamburg. Scarcely had the crew deserted the imprisoned ship when the berg turned on its side, carrying the Whitelaw down.

Bramble—What made you introduce me to that man Grafter? He is continually borrowing money from me.

Thorne—Well, he had been sponging on me so long that I thought I deserved a rest.—N. Y. Journal.

Struck a Cheap Place.

May—Your trip to the seashore doesn't seem to have benefited you.

Pamela—No. There wasn't a man there that could afford to buy a diamond ring.—Town Topics.

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Sam Vassar, a popular ranchman near Goodland, Kan., had an adventure with a wolf the other day which probably would have ended seriously had it not been for the ranchman's great strength and nerve. Vassar was looking for strayed cattle on the range and saw a wolf leave its den among the rocks along the creek. He started for the den to cut off the wolf's retreat, but the animal saw him, and in the race for the den the man and the wolf arrived at the same time. As the wolf was disappearing in its den Vassar caught it by the tail and after an effort dragged it out to the open.

Vassar then commenced to turn on his heel and swing the wolf in a circle. He whirled around in this manner until he was dizzy and his arms almost tired out from holding the huge animal, when he stepped on a loose stone and fell. The wolf was also dizzy from the whirl and lay in a heap where it had fallen. It had almost recovered consciousness and was making feeble efforts to regain its equilibrium when Vassar crawled over to it and stabbed it to death with his pocketknife.

Vassar was so exhausted he could not move from the spot and was found there an hour later by his friends and taken home.

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RACE ACROSS OCEAN.

Chicago Sailor Accepts Challenge of a Yankee Skipper.

Both Will Brave the Perils of the Atlantic in Open Boats—Capt. Webster, the Western Contestant, Expects to Win.

Racing across the Atlantic in 20-foot open sailboats is the pastime that is being planned by Capt. Dean S. Webster, of Chicago, and Capt. Howard Blackburn, of Gloucester, Mass. The latter threw down the gauntlet in a challenge to the world, and Capt. Webster immediately accepted, that the prowess of Chicago on the water might be maintained.

The novel test, says the Chicago Times-Herald, will probably be undertaken in June. Meanwhile Capt. Webster is arranging for a specially constructed craft which is to demonstrate Chicago's supremacy as a maritime power. It may be a three-cornered contest, as a woman in New Jersey has entered a yacht 15 feet in length and has secured Capt. Andrews, who recently went around the world in a small boat, to sail it for her. It is probable that none of the boats contesting will carry more than two persons.

So far the preliminaries have not been fully arranged, and the starting point and direction of the course have not been definitely fixed upon. Capt. Webster, however, has suggested that the start be made from some point in the Bermudas and the finish be at Lisbon, Portugal.

Capt. Webster has accepted the challenge with the intention of landing a winner. The possibility that such small craft may be tossed about like chips on the huge billows of a mid-ocean storm or engulfed in the whirlpool of a hurricane does not disturb him in the least. He will make the trip in an invention of his own, which he believes can weather the most sweeping gale sent by Jove to test the

CAPT. WEBSTER'S BOAT.
(It Is of the Catamaran Type, Several Boats Joined Together.

resisting strength of man's ingenuity. In addition to this prime qualification it will be fast sailing.

The new boat of Capt. Webster is of the catamaran style—that is, two or more boats joined together. It is made of rubber and canvas with iron frames. Large rubber tubes shaped for ocean travel and inflated like a bicycle tire will be joined together. Upon these air floats will be secured the framework of the deck. This strange craft will be yacht-rigged, with spinnaker, gaff, topsails and fore and aft canvass. It is probable that the boat for the race will be constructed to ride on three air floats. Watertight compartments for holding provisions will be fixed between the air floats. Elastic tanks for drinking water are provided for on top of the air floats, and the pressure from the inflated rubber tubes will give a flow of water when the faucet is turned. Heavy air pumps will be carried to keep the tubes inflated.

For bulwarks to inclose the deck and keep out the pounding waves heavy canvas will be stretched around the iron framework of the deck to a height of 18 to 20 inches. The deck will be 2½ feet above the surface of the water. The air floats may be deflated at any time and the entire boat and rigging may be packed up expeditiously for shipment by steamer or train.

It was to provide an apparatus for saving life at sea that Capt. Webster invented his catamaran craft of air floats. After the terrible Burgoyne disaster the Pollak family, which had lost relatives in the sinking of the French liner, offered prizes for the best device for saving life at sea, and Capt. Webster began the experiment. His new boat is the result. By the time he had protected his invention with the necessary patents he learned that the entries had closed for the competition at the Paris exposition, and so his boat was not shown.

Capt. Webster is 59 years old and has been a lake captain most of his life. He is a veteran of the civil war, in which he served both in the army and navy. He was on board the San Jacinto and was wrecked on the Little Bahamas. Later he was with the army of the Potomac. He was born on the banks of the St. Lawrence and has made his home at Detroit, Kingston, Ont., and other ports, but has lived at Desplaines, a suburb of Chicago, for the last eight years and been in business there. During the world's fair he ran the pleasure steamer Favorite between Van Buren street and Jackson and Lincoln parks.

The Bishop's Reason Why.

The following is an impromptu the late bishop of London delivered during the very rainy church congress in London of 1899:

The rain, it raineth every day
Upon the just and unjust feller;
But chiefly on the just, because
The unjust takes the just's umbrella.

The lines caused much amusement to the clerical gathering mentioned.

LINLITHGOW PALACE.

Famous Ruin to Be Restored as Scotland's Memorial to the Late Queen of Great Britain.

In a speech at Edinburg Lord Rosebery proposed that the Scottish memorial to Queen Victoria take the form of the restoration of Linlithgow palace, the most historic ruin in Scotland.

Linlithgow, the birthplace of Mary Stuart and the home of traditions and ghosts, had its beginning in 1300 when Edward I. of England on one of his campaigns in Scotland erected a fortified camp on the site of the castle. The English occupied the for-

LINDITHGOW CASTLE.
(Most Interesting Historical Ruin in Scotland.)

tification until 1307, when a Scotch peasant of the name of Binnoch and seven followers of Bruce secured entrance by hiding themselves in a load of hay which was allowed to pass uninspected into the castle. They captured the place and were rewarded by Bruce with rich lands.

In the reign of Edward III. the castle was again in the hands of the English, and in 1424 it was partly destroyed by fire. After the accession of the Stuart family Linlithgow became a fixed royal residence, and the Scottish kings were wont to deed it to their consorts. James IV. and his immediate successors improved and enlarged the castle, and with them it was the favorite residence. The degeneration began in 1746, when the castle was abandoned to the use of soldiers as a barrack and was accidentally set on fire.

The old ruin is all of polished stone and covers an acre of ground. Many fine examples of sculpture and decorations are in a fair state of preservation, and a pile in the center of the inner court is still distinguishable as a fountain. The parliament chamber in which Mary Stuart first saw the light of day on December 8, 1542, is an object of much interest to tourists.

EVERYBODY LIKES HER.

Mrs. Charles W. Fairbanks, Just Elected President of Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Charles W. Fairbanks is one of the most popular and charitable women in America. She was born in Marysville, O., and lived there until she went to Delaware to the Ohio Wesleyan university. Her maiden name was Cornelia Cole. She was a general leader among her friends and graduated in 1872 in the same class with the present senator. In 1874 Mr. and Mrs. Fairbanks were married and went to live in Indianapolis, where they were soon identified with the life of the city.

MRS. CHARLES W. FAIRBANKS.
(President General Daughters of the American Revolution.)

At this time Mr. Fairbanks was attorney for a branch of the Big Four. The duties of her household kept the young wife at home for some years, but after the little ones began to grow up both she and Mr. Fairbanks joined the art, literary, musical and charitable associations.

Mrs. Fairbanks has been vice president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution three years. In this capacity she has been a member of the board of managers and also has been on the Continental hall committee.

The Washington organization of the D. A. R. gave banquets to Mrs. Fairbanks and in every way brought her before their societies, as all are fond of her, and, if possible, it was hoped to make her president general without one dissenting voice.

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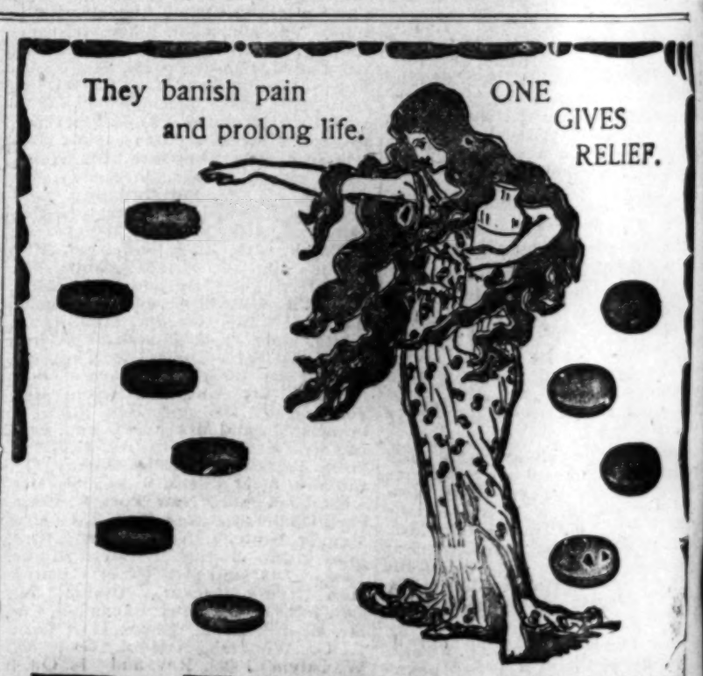

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I shall in this column endeavor to answer all correspondence that may be sent and urgently request young ladies to read this column, and any questions that they wished answered please send them in before Saturday of each week.

By Miss May Clematis.

Annie. You should certainly tell the truth always.

Etta. You will no doubt lose one of the best friends you have. Your actions are surprising.

Lulu. Temporary friends come from temporary admiration. Don't you believe in momentary admiration.

J. Too much familiarity on the part of a stranger means no good.

B. M. Think kindly of those who speak well of you.

Rachel. Don't associate with those below you. You should always seek intelligent company.

Daisy. Some girls are carried away by new faces. This kind of admiration doesn't last very long.

N. F. We lose our senses some times, because our heads are weak.

Nellie. You should not triffle. It is dangerous. You may have cause to regret it some time.

Rachel. A changeable woman is an uncertain friend. She doesn't know her own mind.

T. M. If you don't know what you are doing seek advice.

E. T. Don't try to do what others are doing. Be yourself.

Good manners will recommend any one.

Wine or any kind of intoxicant should not be used at social card parties where there are ladies.

No girl should be guilty of wine drinking in public.

This is an age, some people think, in which they have social license.

When you make a blunder you should be made to bear it.

Social sport is a vaper in society it makes many a full pocket empty.

Take a true friend's advice sometimes, it will pay you.

You may of often bring trouble upon yourself.

Spring fashions are very pretty, unique and noby.

It is not the man who pretends admiration, but the one who acts it.

Young girls should not be too hasty in coming to a conclusion.

I. O. You should have your dress made in the latest style. The goods that you have selected will become you.

D. M. The man who is extraordinarly polite means nothing.

Don't allow yourself to be persuaded to do that which will effect you socially or otherwise.

S. T. Never allow yourself to become careless in your manners or ways. It will end in depreciation of yourself morally and socially.

Don't allow other people to talk about your associates.

It is unkind in one to speak ill of any one in his absence.

That which you will not say before your friends face must be regarded by others as untrue.

Don't believe all you hear about any one.

Slander often emeates from a foul mouth.

A young girls reputation is all she possesses.

Some girls will talk about you because others do.

Some people will dislike you because others do.

Remember there are always two sides to every question. Be sure that you hear both sides before you form or express an opinion.

It is always best to be a quit listener under all circumstances.

Be careful of what you write and to whom you write.

Friendship is only found in those who protect you under all circumstances.

You are not dependent upon those in whom you have no confidence.

Don't try to imitate others.

It is rude to the extreme to permit young men to attempt to kiss you at a public reception. The lady who does not resent it is not entitled to the respect of her associates. If he acts so bold in public what insult would he offer elsewhere.

If you cannot speak well of one, it is best to say nothing.

Refinement in a girl is the best recommendation for her.

When you come to a decision let nothing but reason change you.

Let your dress be in season. Young ladies should dress with care.

G. S. Don't weep. It is true your mother was your best freend. Death is certain as you well know. Follow in her foot steps. Remember her advice and follow it.

Nettie. This is an age that needs the utmost care and protection for our girls. A girl cannot be too careful.

Marriages are resulting in divorces. Girls must be careful of themselves. Keep your salary if you are getting one.

HOW HE GOT EVEN.

Chicago Youngster Makes a Dignified Old Gentleman the Victim of His Revenge.

The Chicago Daily News says that at a performance the other evening there was a stately mother who tried in vain to suppress the effervescent wonder and glee of her blue-eyed hopeful. Every time there was a new entry or an exciting climax the little fellow would climb up and ply his mother with a fusillade of breathless questions. And then there were times when his mirth knew no bounds.

"Oh, mamma!" he would exclaim, "just look at that funny old woman an' dog an' house."

The old man in the forward or-

"I'VE KICKED A HOLE IN YOUR HAT."

chestra chair had been frowning over his shoulder for some time. Finally, he turned around and savagely hissed:

"Tut! tut! child. Keep quiet; you are interrupting the performance."

In fear the little fellow shrank toward his mother. Not one sound escaped his lips for five minutes. Then he suddenly leaned forward and whispered in the old man's ear:

"Please, sir, I have just kicked a hole in your hat."

"What!" sputtered the old man, reaching for his silk headgear. "Y-you young rascal, I'll punish you for this."

It was a critical juncture in the drama and the house was intensely still. The old man's irate voice rang from parquet to gallery. An usher tiptoed down the aisle.

"You will have to get out if you interrupt the performance," warned the man in uniform.

The old man made no retort. He had just discovered that he was a victim of the little fellow's revenge. There was not a mark on the silk tile.

"Didn't I get even, mamma?" chuckled the boy as they started home.

"How unrefined, darling," corrected the stately mother, "you should say that you were vindicated."

DOG SAVED A TRAIN.

Seized the Red Flag and Waved It Until the Engineer Brought the Special to a Step.

Station Master Davis' dog Nig has been the talk of Forks Creek, Col., for years, but the other day when Nig flagged a train on the Colorado & Southern railway he saved the lives of the train's crew and passengers and became a topic for the whole state.

Nig is of mixed breed, largely spaniel. Forks Creek has only two houses and a water tank, so Nig, always at his master's heels, learned how to throw a switch and to wave a flag almost as well as his master. So expert was he at switch throwing that his master grew to depend on him for the work.

But a few days ago when Nig bounded up the track to throw a switch for

CARRYING HIS SIGNAL FLAG.

a train that had signaled he found that snow had made it impossible to move. He did his best, then turned and dashed back to the station, seizing the red flag and flying up the track toward the train rounding the curve.

By that time the station master saw trouble and ran for the switch, but he could not move it, owing to the ice. But far up the track Nig sat upright, holding the flag in his mouth, and with a sense of relief Davis saw the train slow up. The ice was cut away, the switch turned and the train pulled in, with Nig riding modestly in the cab. Superintendent T. H. Sears was in the one special car, making a tour of the line, and one of these days Nig may be pensioned.

American Bars in Mexico.

American barrooms are multiplying in the City of Mexico. Their so-called "American drinks" are almost as deadly as knockout drops, and the imbibers of them are very likely to be given the chance to sober up in the police station. Three Mexican cocktails are usually powerful enough to paralyze a mule.

PITTI WAS A DANCER

Parrot Taught a Class of Country Boys How to Waltz.

Bird Would Go Through All the Movements While Her Master Played and His Pupils Imitated Her Pretty Motions.

Mantoine Fortier, of Upper Madawaska, is the saddest old Frenchman in Maine these days, and all on account of the death of Pitti, his wonderful trained dancing parrot.

M. Fortier came to Montreal from Paris some years ago, and by some chance drifted down across the Maine border into the Canadian-French settlements.

His only apparent resources consisted of an old but closely cherished violin, quite a thorough knowledge of dancing—and Pitti. Pitti was a large green parrot which M. Fortier bought upon the ship which brought him over. She had a command of forcible American idiom far superior to her master, and in some respects was truly a wonderful bird.

The Madawaska French are a merry set and delight in dancing. The advent of M. Fortier and his violin was most happy, and he was in great demand for the numerous and various festivities, although it was under great mental stress and continual inward invective that he lent his talent and tuneful strains to the uncouth gambols of the brawny youths and rosy-cheeked Canuck maidens.

"Oh, it's ze bear dance, ze bear dance, Pitti," he was wont to confide to his only confidante after the merry-makings were over. "Oh, for ze valtz—be be-yeautiful valtz," and he sighed and sighed.

One day pretty, bright Mary La Coote came home from a long stay in a factory town far, far down the river. She was easily the belle of Madawaska, and soon she turned up her pretty nose at the old-fashioned contra dances. She had learned to waltz. The rest must learn it. And half a dozen of the beaus made

A MODEL FOR THE CLASS.

mental vows that they would waltz whether or no.

M. Fortier was appealed to and soon he had a large and eager class in the graceful art. But it was slow and tedious work for the dancing master with his Parisian methods among the wild and untamed youth of Madawaska. Try as he would until nearly beside himself with exertion and exasperation, the peculiarities of the waltz step seemed entirely beyond their comprehension.

One night, when his patience had been tried beyond all endurance, the dancing master threw down his violin and exclaimed:

"Ma foi, wait you; Pitti shall teach you ze valtz."

He rushed out of the room and soon returned with Pitti. While the class gazed in open-eyed astonishment he placed the bird in the middle of the floor and took up his violin.

"Now, pretty Pitti, show ze ladies and ze gentlemen ze valtz."

The bird cocked her head on one side, scratched her beak with one foot and then the other.

M. Fortier struck up a favorite waltz, and Pitti, after a very elaborate bow, glided off in pirouettes, slides and hops, with the reverse, now dipping gracefully and again with a slight flutter of her wings as daintily as a belle in silken skirts, all in perfect time, and, ending the last measure with a profound bow to the audience, hopped upon her master's shoulder.

As to the class, amazement was pictured on every browned countenance. For a moment it was a question whether to believe the bird bewitched and to stampede or to remain and wonder. Nearly all crossed themselves as a matter of precaution.

"Pretty Pitti see she dance ze valtz. She turn so and do ez slide—so and ze hop—so. Now you do like Pitti."

Then as long as her master would play she would go through all the waltz movements in correct time, while all the class imitated her motions.

Paid Dearly for His Fun.

A resident of Devere, Wis., who put a buggy on a railroad track so as to have some fun, according to his idea of what humor is, has had his fun. A freight train made kindling wood of the buggy, and the man who wanted to have some amusement is having it in the city workhouse, where he is lodged for 60 days.

Gentlemen as Hack Drivers.

Reduced gentlemen find occupation as coachmen in Berlin. Among the coachmen of that city are seven retired army officers, 16 noblemen and three clergymen.

TRUE TO HER LOVER.

English Girl Forced Man at Revolver's Point to Prove Her Sweetheart's Innocence.

Two clerks, Hatton and Morley, worked together in the store of a London merchant. Dealing with this employer was a merchant skipper at the East India docks, and he had a daughter. Fate made her beautiful, and drew both these clerks into the web of her enchantment.

The beginning of it all was four years ago. After six months Hatton spoke his love, and after a pause the girl answered yes.

Morley some time before had discovered a clerk named Went in a

WROTE A FULL CONFESSION.

petty embezzlement, but did not expose him. Morley had this man in his power, and forced him to falsify Hatton's books, for the reason that Went was a skilled imitator of penmanship. Morley allowed Went to pocket the embezzlements, which Went was quite willing to do.

Hatton got into trouble. The work had been done so skillfully that things were dark for him. He was convicted and sentenced to three years.

But the girl believed his reiterated assertion that he was innocent. Morley began to visit her in consolation, and a chance word that he let drop awakened her suspicions of him. She pumped him skillfully, and became more convinced. She had a brother in the same office, she gained the ear of the mercahnt, and they went through the books. There was evidence enough for her, but the brother and the employer said it would not hold in court. One evening she made excuse to persuade Morley to meet her alone in her father's house. He came, only to face a revolver pointed at his head, and under stress of it he wrote a full confession.

Hatton was released and the two were married. Morley hanged himself in prison, and Went was sentenced to five years at penal servitude.

ROOSTER PULLS CART.

Giant Buff Cochin Trots in Harness and Acts as Motive Power for Tiny Baby Plumason.

O. J. Plumason, of Luverne, Minn., is the owner of a giant Buff Cochin rooster which has been trained to trot in harness, pulling a tiny cart, in which rides the baby son of its owner. Golden Duke is the name of this strangest of fowl, and it is a prize winner in its class as well as a freak. The big bird was broken in harness by the boys of the Plumason household, and now seems to enjoy its work. It wears a

THE ROOSTER CART.

little harness and is guided by reins which it carries in its bill. It is the master of several gaits, and at the word of command given by the small child who is driving it will walk, run, trot, or come to a standstill. At home in the country the big rooster often pulls the cart and its occupant for half a mile or more without stopping. The queer outfit is now giving exhibitions at poultry shows in the west.

Tallest Chimney in America.

The government is erecting at Constable Hook, N. J., a chimney which will be the tallest in America when completed. An excavation of 20 feet deep and 45 feet square was made to hard gravel. This area was filled with piles closely driven, and upon the platform a base of fireproof brick 30 feet square by 30 feet in height was built. On the base a round chimney of brick is to be built up to a total height of 360 feet. The stack is to be ten feet in diameter at the top and will weigh 20,000 tons. The cost of erection is in the neighborhood of $50,000.

Revenge on His Creditors.

A nobleman in Madrid, after spending his fortune and getting deeply into debt, lost his wife. His friends advised him to marry a rich bride, but, to the dismay of his creditors, he married a poor woman. When asked why he did so, he answered: "To make my rascally creditors rave."

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HATCHET IS BURIED.

Indian Chief Gives Away His Fortune in One Night.

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According to a correspondent of the Cincinnati Enquirer, who at the present time is at Dawson City, Chief Kodawatt is one of the greatest leaders of the many Alaskan tribes of Indians. In his younger days he was the head and front of the intertribal wars of the Chilkats, but to-day he is old and consumptive, and well-nigh a pauper, as his fortune of $8,000 has been expended in giving the last and greatest "potlatch," or feast, that ever has been or will be held in Alaska, as Gov. Brady has prevailed upon his tawny constituents to give up this species of barbaric extravagance.

Chief Kodawatt's idea was good. A feud had existed between the tribes of the Lynn canal for more than 100 years, and he wanted to make an everlasting peace among them. He had been saving his money for two years for the purpose of this feast. It has just been celebrated at Klukwan, and the Wrangels and the Chilkats have buried the hatchet.

The guests were picturesque—dressed as they were in American clothes, but with an incongruity that was startling. A tennis suit with a silk hat, or a swallow tail coat with a yachting cap, was not uncommon.

The Sitkas sprung something extraordinary—the Tamanamass, the devil dance of the old midwinter feast, now seldom seen. The affair was so realistic and tragical that the United States troops were about to interfere, as it looked as though a murder had been committed.

The chief of the dancers' tribe stepped forward and thrust his knife into the back of one of the dancers, who seemed in a frenzy of excitement. A second blow with the knife was given, and the blood flowed down the dancer's back. Blow after blow was given, and finally the victim fell prostrate on the ground. But the killing was a fake. Hidden under the cloak of the dancer were long strings of kelp, and these were filled with "blood," made of a mixture of red gum, rosin oil and water, which is used in coloring the inside of canoes. When the black trooper went to look after the "dead" man he found him calmly washing his face.

The dance was kept up all night and in the early morning the "potlatch" proper was celebrated. On a platform, behind a huge pile of blankets, many of them of American manufacture, stood old Chief Kodawatt, and beside him George Shortridge, his subchief. There was also a large pile of miscellaneous goods, from pilot bread to cases of boots.

And now came the great event of the "potlatch"—the bestowal of all his wealth by Kodawatt as presents to the assembled tribesmen.

The old chief was welcomed with loud shouts and chants, amid which were mingled the cries of animals. Raising his wrinkled hand the old man who had thus impoverished himself, and from wealth had sunk into poverty because of his generosity, told how glad he was to thus give presents to his friends. He spoke of "potlatches" of the past in which he had participated, none of which could equal this in splendor; of how great he was, and so on.

At the conclusion of his speech Kodawatt and his subchief were wound inside of blankets and cloths by the attendants until they looked like huge mummies. In this plight they listened awhile to the songs sang by the Indians, and then slowly unwound themselves.

A feast succeeded this, the food being piled upon a platform, the guests going as though to a buffet at an ordinary reception lunch.

One of the principal features of the event was gambling, and when it was all over many a brave went to his hut dead broke and squawless, the "wives" being a common stake to win or lose. It was a great "potlatch," but the last in Alaska.

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Sunday of the 24th Prof. J. L. Baltimore, subject: "What Lack Ye Yet."

Sunday of the 31st, Mrs. Jula Mason Layton, subject not yet announced.

Notwithstanding the fact that Miss N. H. Burroughs inadvertently left her manuscrip in Louisville, Ky., She delivered a splendid address on "The merits and demerits of Negro Leaders of the 19th century" before the Congressional Lyceum Sunday March 3rd. Messrs. F. G. Manly, Gordon, Davison, and others took part in the discussion. Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis the well known elocuitionist and actress was present and recited a very humorous poem entitled "The Negro's in it."

Tomrrow afternoon at 3 o'ciock Mr. W. H. Crawford of the Law Department of Howard University will address the Congressional Lyceum at Lincoln Memorial Church, corner of 11th and R sts., n. w. subject: "Phylis Wheatley."

THE BEE Wants, Information as to the whereabouts of John and Robert Johnson, who left Gergetown, D. C., before 1861, their mother Ellen Johnson cooked at Brown's Hotel Pa. Ave., Aderess their sister Victoria Johnson. To WASHINGTON BEE. D. C.,

Young Pennsylvania Couple Chased by an Angry Bull Had Novel Wedding.

When the minister and the two lovers who were having a tiff were all treed by an angry bull, then followed the queerest wedding on record. Charlie Bangs and his sweetheart Emma Swanger, left their home, near Montrose, a town not far from Susquehanna, Pa., one evening recently to go over to Great Bend to attend the wedding of one of their friends. Young Bangs' attentions to other girls whom they met irritated his fiancee so much that when the time came to go home the lovers were on

BANGS WAS IN THE LEAD.

very poor terms with each other. The minister accompanied them, but the party was a very quiet and unsociable one.

On the way home they crossed a field that was preempted by a bull noted for his ugly disposition. The bull soon let them know that they were trespassers and when he charged down on them all three scudded for the trees. Bangs was in the lead and the minister covered the rear. Bangs also was the first up the tree, but the minister waited until he had boosted Emma up before he sought safety. Once up there every one began to feel so much better that in spite of Bangs' haste to lead the retreat, a reconciliation was effected on the spot—or rather on the boughs.

Suddenly it occurred to one of them that here was a chance to have a record-breaking wedding, and then and there the marriage ceremony was performed Pretty soon the owner of the bull came along and drove the animal away, when the liberated party went at once to the home of the bridegroom.

NOT ON THE BILLS.

How an Exasperated "Super" Got Revenge Upon Actor Mansfield Whom He Hated.

A supernumerary in Richard Mansfield's company who had been, to use a Scotch phrase, continuously and continually "neckled" by the manager at rehearsals and between the acts for alleged displays of stupidity on the stage, was informed that a near relative of his had departed this life and had left him a competence, so he decided to leave the dramatic profession and, to quote him, become respectable. Before leaving he determined to take his revenge on Mansfield for the attacks on his amour propre that gentleman had made.

The play was "Richard III." and the super was one of the soldiers who lead away the duke of Buckingham when the king orders his demise.

In due time Richard remarked "Off with his head;" and this was the super's opportunity. Advancing, he touched his helmet in the style of a footman and replied loudly and genially:

"That'll he attended to, old chap. We'll take care of old Buck. It'll be all right!" and retired gracefully. When the infuriated Mansfield came off to commit murder he found the

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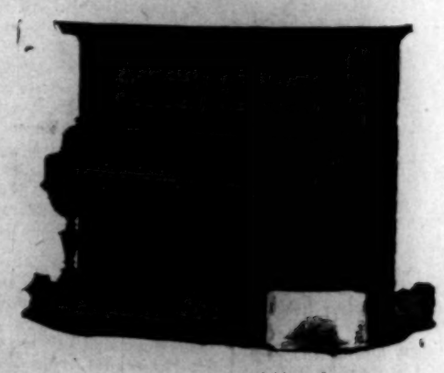
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